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SUBJ: PDRY SEEKS REFINERY AID

1. PDRY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY ABD AL-AZIZ ABD AL-WALI MET WITH
FONMIN SUWAIDI AND OIL MINISTER UTAYBA DECEMBER 18 TO DISCUSS
POSSIBLE UAE ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE CRUDE TO ADEN REFINERY AND
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP EXPAND REFINERY.

2. OIL MINISTER UTAYBA LATER TOLD ME THAT UAE IS CONSIDERING
PARTICIPATING WITH SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS TO FURNISH PDRY WITH
60,000 BPD OF CRUDE WITH PRODUCT MARKETED MAINLY IN ARAB WORLD.
HE ALSO INDICATED THAT UAE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF
PROVIDING SOME CREDIT TO PDRY, ALONG WITH SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS,
TO PERMIT MODERNIZATION OF ADEN REFINERY, WHICH OLD AND ADMITTEDLY
INEFFICIENT, TO ENABLE PAST MAINSTAY OF ADEN ECONOMY TO
CONTINUE FUNCTIONING ECONOMICALLY. HE SAID UAE WANTED TO COOPERATE
WITH SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS TO MOVE PDRY AWAY FROM ITS EXTREME
MARXIST IDEOLOGY. I COMMENTED THAT I THOUGHT THIS WOULD
BE A VERY DIFFICULT THING TO DO.

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